

Arrowsmith Naturalists Speakers' Database

This database provides an overview of the amazing quality of speakers and range of topics presented at ANATS meetings.

YEAR AND MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC/ TITLE
2000 -2001		
November 24, 2000 –	Derek Marvin	Butterflies and Bugs
January 22, 2001	Marjorie Leffler	Parksville and Then Some
February 26, 2001	Steve Mitchell	Bees and Native Wild Flowers
March 25, 2001	Derrick Ditchburn, Professional Photographer	Dereila Images
April 23, 2001 –	Adolf Ceska, Botanist	Some Botanical Mysteries of Cascadia
May 28, 2001	Terri & Rosemary Taylor	Flowers of Greece
June 25, 2001	John Tayless	Marine Biology of B.C.
September 24, 2001	Stephanie Hazlitt, Co-ordinator of B.C. Coastal Waterbird Survey	Bird Studies of Canada
October 22, 2001	Allen Poynter, Arrowsmith Naturalists	slides of local birds
November 26, 2001	David Pinel	West Coast Expeditions
2002 – No record for January – April		
May 27, 2002	Faye Smith	Streamkeepers
June 24, 2002	Dr. John Noakes. Pacific Biological Research Station	Aquaculture – “Friend or Foe?”
September 23, 2002	Dr. Purina Govindarajula, UVic	Bullfrogs and Frogwatch”
October 28, 2002	Neil Dawe, Canadian Wildlife Service	– “In the Footsteps of J.A. Munro, Changes in Habitat & Bird Population in the Cariboo”
November 25, 2002	Colin Bartlett, Backyard Wild Bird & Nature Store, Nanaimo	Backyard Birding
2003 – No Record – January & February		
March 24, 2003	Tessa Campbell, Dept. Biology, UVic	Hummingbirds, Nature’s Flying Jewels
April 28, 2003	Robin Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Vancouver Island Butterfly Enthusiasts	Butterflies”

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May 26, 2003	Mr. Chris Hayhurst, Retired B.C. Forester	B.C. Forests, The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly
June 23, 2003	Dr. Glen Jamieson, Research Scientist, Coastal and Marine Habitat Science Section, Pacific Biological Research Station, Nanaimo	The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve, "A Naturalist's Paradise"
No Record for September, October, 2003		
November 24, 2003	Suzanne Connell, Georgia Strait Alliance Salmon Aquaculture Program Co-ordinator	- "Environmental Impacts of Net Cage Salmon Farming"
January 26, 2004	Dr. Jane Watson, Dept. of Biology, Malispina University College	The Natural History of Sea Otters
February 23, 2004	Members night	Bring up to dozen slides or bring nature artifacts or examples of natural history
March 24, 2004	- Dr. Ben F. Koop, Dept. Biology, UVic	Black Bears, Wolves and Other Carnivores of B.C. since the Last Ice Age
April 26, 2004	Trudy Chatwin, Biologist, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection	B.C.'s Rare and Endangered Species
May 25, 2004	- no speaker listed	Mother Nature's Night Out
June 28, 2004	Michaela McDonald, Co-ordinator, B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network, Vancouver Aquarium, Marine Science Centre	"Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises - How to Protect Them"
No Info for Sept. Oct. 2004		
November 22, 2004	Chris Czajkowske. Author and Wilderness Pioneer	"Canine's View of Wilderness"
January 24, 2005 -	Members Night	
February 28, 2005	Neil Dawe, Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service	Sustainability: Mother Nature Always Bats Last"

March 30, 2005	Bob Chappell , former Director, Victoria Natural History Society	Ingenious Nature Videos of Nesting Boxes, Diving Ducks, Bats, etc.
April 25, 2005	Cory Peet , BSc. Biologist	Sea Lice and Salmon", A Biologist's Perspective
May 24, 2005	Gordon Buckingham , Director, Arrowsmith Watershed Coalition Society	Englishman River Rainwater Management
June 27, 2005	Sarah Bonner , Nanaimo Area Land Trust and Natural Abundance Plant Nursery	Bringing Nature to Your Garden"
No record Oct 2005, Jan. 2006		
November 28, 2005	Judy Burgess , Friends of Morden Mines	update on Morden Mine Restoration Project
February 27, 2006	Dr. Patrick Gregory , Dept. Biology, UVic	The Natural History of Snakes
No Record for March, May, June, 2006		
April 24, 2006	Mariana Vetrici , Biochemistry & Microbiology, UVic	How Superior Seedlings are Produced for Reforestation"
September 26, 2005	Bruce Whittington	"Birds in our Lives – From Conversation to Conservation"
October 23, 2006	Michele Deakin , Seagrass Conservation Working Group	Eel Grass – The Key to Ocean Survival
November 27, 2006	Chris Czajkowski	More of Chris Czajkowski's Wilderness"
February 26, 2007	Dr. Patrick Gregory , Dept. Biology, UVic	The Natural History of Snakes
No Record for April, May, 2007		
June 25, 2007	Hans Boerger	Phantom Mud and Blood – The Secret Lives of Ponds"
September 24, 2007	Neil Dawe	Update on Sustainability
October 22, 2007	Rich Mooney	TALK on birds – subject was to be decided later"

November 26, 2007 –	- Stan Orchard	Bullfrog Control
December, 2007	Sandy Gray, CBC	
January 28, 2008	Will Lemmon, host for Members night	
February 25, 2008	Nancy Whelan	Nature Canada Conderence
March 31, 2008	Dr. Tom Reimchen, Dept. Biology, UVic	The Ecological Genetics and Future of the Spirit Bear
No Record for April, May, 2008		
June 23, 2008	Dr. Rick Page, Victoria	Presentation on 50 Years of Research on the Wolf/Moose population of Isle Royale National Park
September, 2008	Charlene Forrest, Biologist and Co-ordinator for the "Roots with Shoots"	Program at Milner Gardens
October, 2008	Tony Markle, Local Wildlife Photographer	
November, 2008	Chris Czajkowski, Naturalist, Guide and Author living near southern end of Tweedsmuir Park	slides and books – alpine experience, Nimpo Lake, B.C.
February, 2009	Pamela Wesley, M.Sc. Coastal Invasive Plant Committee	Invasive Plants"
March, 2009	Ian Gartshore, Consultant and Installer of Renewable Energy and Energy	Equipment in Homes and Businesses
April, 2009	Dr. Malcolm McAdie, DVM, Local Wildlife Veterinarian, involved in the Vancouver Island Marmot Rehabilitation Project	Marmots
May, 2009	Cam Finlay, Saanich Biologist with a passion for hummingbirds – Co-ordinates projects, researches and documents	
June, 2009	Tony Ransom	Journey to the Galapagos Islands with stunning photos of flora and fauna, with a geologist's commentary of the

		unique land forms and volcanoes
September, 2009	Bruce Whittington , Island Author, newspaper columnist and tour leader with passion for birds	focus on Haida Gwaii for this presentation.
October 25, 2009	Michele Deakin , Co-ordinator,	Oceanside Eelgrass Mapping Project
November, 2009 =	Haida Bolton	Her involvement with Camp Uganda at the Wildlife Education Centre for underprivileged 7 th grade Ugandan children
February, 2010 –	Guy Monty , Local Biologist	Guy Monty shares his expert knowledge of the Brant Geese which has been a fascinating field of study for him for several years.
March, 2010	Colin Bartlett , Owner of The Backyard Wildbird & Nature Store, Nanaimo	Attracting local birds and Mason bees
April, 2010	Karen Barry, M.Sc., R.P. Biology , B.C. Programs Officer for Bird Studies	Information about Feederwatch, Coastal Bird Survey & the Beached Bird Program in which volunteers can participate.
May, 2010	Joe Crichton , Leader of the Wildbird Tours Canada	Amazing diversity of species and habitats found in the neotropics compared to the temperate zones. (can also focus on birding in Costa Rica, Panama, Peru and the Inca Culture of Peru)
June 28, 2010	Hans Boerger	Slides and live demonstrations to illustrate his talk “Blood, Phantoms and Ghosts: Close Encounters with Pond Critters”.
September 27, 2010	Dr. John Gunton , local Geological Consultant	Geohazards of the Georgia Basin. Accompanying slides in 2 parts. Second part April 18, 2011 meeting.
October 25, 2010 –	- Elke Wind , E. Wind Consulting	Why did the Toad Cross the Road?”

January 24, 2011 – Members night		
February 28, 2011	Lisa Spaven , Coordinator, Marine Mammal Response Network, Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo	An Overview of The BCMMRN responses to reports of dead, injured, sick and harassed marine mammals
March 28, 2011	Bill Merilees , Local wildlife Biologist, Author and Tour Leader	– the Mega Herbs of Sub- Antarctic
April 18, 2011	- Dr. John Gunton	Part 2 “Geohazards of The Georgia Basin
May 30, 2011	Genevieve Singleton , Warden, Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve	– “Flower Power
June 27, 2011	MEMBERS' NIGHT - The Sequel. Brought back by popular demand	
No Record July to October 2012		
October 2012	Terry Thormin	Dragon Flies
November 2012-	Ian Birkman and Diane Sampson	Eel Grass
February 2013	Romana De Graff	Habitat for Forage Fish
March 2013-	Gary Murdoch	
April 2014==3	Crystal McMillan	Bears
May 2013-	Don Doyle	Marmots
June 2013	Andy McKinnon	Alpine Flowers
September 2013	Derek Kyosta	Grizzly Bears
October 2013-	Dr. M. McAdie , – Wildlife Veterinarian with the Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Foundation	Marmots on Vancouver Island
November 2013-	Sean Wong	Habitat Restoration
No records December to February 2014		
March 2014	Stephanie Thorpe	Painted Turtles at Buttertubs Marsh
April 2014-	Bill Merilees	Newcastle Island

May 2014-	Terry and Rosemary Taylor	Mosses and Lichens
June 2014-	John Neville	Raptors
September 2014-	Power Presentation for Arrowsmith Naturalists	
October 2014-	Brian Kingszett, Manager Deep Bay Marine Centre	How Climate Change is affecting the Chemistry of Oceans
November 2014	Sheena Majewski	Seals and Sea Lions on the West Coast
February 2015-	Chris Stevens	Study of Swainson's Thrush in Parksville area
March 2015	Michael Kusugak	Life in the Arctic
April 2015	- Erica McClaren	Conservation Specialist for Mid-Island Region
May 2015	Barbara Beasley	Amphibians
June 2015	Tim Goater, VIU	Snakes and Amphibians
October 2015	Reanna Schelling	Project introducing Blue Birds to the Cowichan area
November 2015	Gary Murdoch	Bears on Vancouver Island
No records February 2016		
March 28, 2016	Graham Beard Qualicum Beach Palaeontologist	The ancient history of Vancouver Island through palaeontological evidence.
April 25, 2016	Connor Stefanison – Vancouver- Photographer connor_stef@hotmail.com 2016 award winning photographer (International Wildlife Photographer of the Year).	Title: Experiences as a nature and wildlife photographer.
May 23, 2016 -	TJ Watt – Victoria. TJ Watt with Ancient Forest Alliance is an award-winning nature & conservation photographer. info@bigtreetours.ca	The fight for protecting Canada's remaining Pacific Old Growth Forests and specifically about the spectacular and diverse stands of ancient trees in Vancouver Island's Walbran Valley.

June 27, 2016	Ceri Peacey – Whiskey Creek. ceridwenp@gmail.com	Board member with Friends of French Creek Conservation Society. Ceri is dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the French Creek watershed.
September 26, 2016	Bill Merilees - Nanaimo. bmerilees@hotmail.com	What the Shells Tell Us
October 26, 2016	Barb Murray- Nanoose.. bearsmatter@gmail.com	Justice for BC Grizzlies to ban the trophy hunt of Grizzly Bear in BC.
November 28, 2016	Malcolm McAdie – Wildlife Veterinarian with the Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Foundation. malcolmmcadie@shaw.ca	The status and recovery of the Vancouver Island Marmots.
February 27, 2017 -	Daune Yochim from Qualicum Bay	Dyeing Fibre with Mushrooms. Daune will talk about the process and show samples of colorful dyes found within the flesh of certain fungi.
March 27, 2017	Chad Nordstrom from Vancouver, Senior Research Biologist at the Vancouver Aquarium.	British Columbian cetacean identification, natural history and conservation. The title of the talk will be “Wild Whales: What’s in our Waters?”
April 24, 2017	Paul Manly from Nanaimo	Researcher, film-maker and communications specialist has produced films that educate, inform and adds to public dialogue on issues of importance. Topic: Paul's journey as an advocate for environmental issues & watershed protection on Vancouver Island.
May 22, 2017	Dr. Sarah Dudas from Nanaimo Canada Research Chair at the Shellfish Ecosystems Interactions Research program at Vancouver	Microplastics in the environment and its impacts on marine food chains and implications for the Salish Sea

	Island University.	
Monday, June 26, 2017-	Don Hare, new Executive Director with the Coastal Invasive Species Committee.	What are Invasive Species and Why you Should Care? Invasive species in Parksville & Qualicum Beach area & what is being done on a local & provincial level. info@COASTALISC.com
September 25, 2017	Ross Peterson from Nanoose grpeter1@shaw.ca	Speciesism is the assumption of human superiority leading to the exploitation of animals. It involves the assignment of different values, rights, or special consideration to individuals solely on the basis of their species membership.
October 23, 2017	Terry & Rosemary Taylor, Arrowsmith Naturalist from Qualicum Beach.	Paleontology presentation.
November 27, 2017	Gary & Ronda Murdock, Parksville	Coastal Douglas Fir Land Use Order
March 26, 2018	Grant Scott from Hornby Island Conservancy Hornby Island	Marine Conservation Initiative and Marine Conservation Atlas. Review our strategy, the Atlas, and CHI ideas for collaboration with Arrowsmith Naturalists.
April 23, 2018 –	Peter deKoning, Professional Registered Biologist from Parksville.(West Coast Conservation Land Management Program.)	Peter will recap the work Nature Trust completed in the Englishman River estuary last summer and the ecological changes they hope to see. Peter.deKoning@gov.bc.ca
May 28, 2018	Michelle Young, from Gabriola Island. Georgia Strait Alliance CPA, CA Clean Marine BC Coordinator	Southern Resident Orcas cmbc@georgiastrait.org
June 25 2018	Dave Manning from Pender Island	The Old Man and the Vultures," a book based on Dave Manning's experiences with vultures.

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September 24, 2018-	Dr Ken Marr from Victoria. Curator of Botany Royal BC Museum.	New plant discoveries from northern BC Alpine
October 22, 2018	John MacFarlane from Parksville.	Go on a Naturalist Field Trip Without Leaving the Room: Exploring nature with a microscope.
November 26, 2018	Richard Boyce Documentary filmmaker Island Bound Media, produces short documentaries about local social issues and the environment.	:Hamilton Marsh Forgotten Forest- Take a visual journey to a forgotten forest.. Richard@boyce.net
Thursday February 28, 2019	Larissa Thelin & Kidston Short – Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve Institute	Topic- presentation about native plant project and invite members to attend a training session. This collaborative project is with both Milner Gardens & Woodland and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, involves monitoring the growing season of plants and attempting to understand how this may be shifting with climate change. Larissa.Thelin@viu.ca

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March 28 th , 2019	Genvieve Singleton- Cowichan Valley volunteer and Arrowsmith Naturalists life member.	Wild Flowers
April 25 th , 2019	Sarah Patton , Research Biologist and Coordinator, Southern Vancouver Island Cetacean Research Initiative, Ocean Wise	Whale Report Alert and the Whale Trail
May 23 rd , 2019	Nicole Fredrickson , Bachelor of Science, Biologist Island Marine Aquatic Working Group	Chinook Salmon Management Measures to protect Endangered Stocks.